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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/765,437

Group Art Unit 2822

Filed: January 22, 2001

Examiner: Monica LEWIS

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH RARE METAL ELECTRODE

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RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED JANUARY 2, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: January 18, 2002

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated January 2, 2002.

In the Action, restriction is required among Group (I), claims 7, 14 and 21, drawn to a semiconductor device with a plug; or Group (II), claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-20, drawn to the method of manufacturing a semiconductor device.

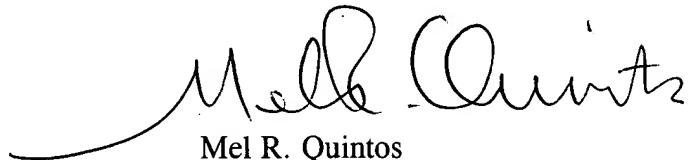
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (II), claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-20 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of Divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC §120 and 35 USC §121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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